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We've got you covered with fun activities for the summer months ahead, or if you are a student, ways to make moving stress free.



Bald eagles in flight over the Williamsburg Pond delighted visitors this spring. Photo by Ron Dye

2nd Mind BOGgling Event Fun for the Whole Family

Saturday | May 19

9 am – 5 pm • 7 – 9:30 pm

Prepare to be astounded, entertained, and enlightened by local experts sharing their enthusiasm and knowledge of nature at the Celery Bog Nature Area. Ever wonder about the birds and bees, or the flowers and trees? Explore the outdoors via guided bird and flower identification walks or at butterfly, biting fly, and tick talks. Find out how to plant trees and correctly distinguish ash trees and their adversary, the emerald ash borer. The daytime program is jam-packed with fun activities and how-to's for all ages. Bring a bag lunch, and prepare to stay the day!

In the evening, experience the beauty of the bog through folk music, art, photography, and nature

writing, while enjoying refreshments compliments of the Master Gardeners. Art displays and scenic videos will be exhibited in the Lilly Nature Center throughout the day and until June 10.

The free event is sponsored by Friends of Celery Bog in cooperation with the Parks & Recreation Departments of West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County, and many volunteers from the Lilly Nature Center, the Sycamore Audubon Society, the Tippecanoe County Master Gardeners, and the West Central Chapter of Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society. The Celery Bog Nature Area is located on the north side of Lindberg Road, between Northwestern Avenue and McCormick Road in West Lafayette. For more information, contact Joan Samuels Mohr, event coordinator, at mohrsamuels@comcast.net.

Plant the Town Purple!

In anticipation of Art in Bloom, West Lafayette residents and businesses are encouraged to go all out and plant the town purple! Purple is the "hot" color for WL gardens this year, symbolizing royalty, passion and good judgment. Popular purple annuals are asters, dianthus, impatiens, pansies, petunias, phlox, pinks, salvia, verbena, and violets. Selected varieties of purple annuals can be ordered through the Master Gardeners of Tippecanoe County and picked up at Cumberland

Park, the site of the Sagamore West Farmers Market on May 12. Go to www.westlafayette.in.gov and click on Quick Links & Hot Topics to order your purple flowers through May 4.





The Great Outdoors

I have had many good excuses to get outside and get moving this spring, especially with the unseasonably warm temperatures that we have experienced. It's been great to move my usual indoor workouts outside. Riding my motorcycle through the countryside, walking my dog, and taking a jog on our growing trail system has helped cure my cabin fever.

With the inviting warmer weather, I hope you are also able to make time to enjoy all the outdoor amenities our city has to offer. To kick off the summer swimming season, the West Lafayette Municipal Pool will host a Splash Bash on Friday, May 25. It's a great place to take the family and cool off on a hot summer day after playing at nearby Happy Hollow Park.

Trail guides and information about all of our parks can be found on the city's website, along with a jam-packed event calendar of area festivals and activities. One of the highlights on the summer event schedule is Art in Bloom on Saturday, June 23, which will showcase local landscaping and artwork at selected locations throughout the city. The Lilly Nature Center and neighboring Celery Bog Nature Area provide another avenue to be one with nature, and attending the Mind BOGgling Event on Saturday, May 19 is a free and fun way to see what the site has to offer.

Whatever way you choose to spend your leisure time this summer, make it a priority to stay active and keep moving. The City of West Lafayette employees are setting a good example by 'racing their way to better health' through an Indy 500 themed walking program. Employees will keep track of their steps in this five week program, taking advantage of our extensive trail system and pedestrian-friendly city. I hope you are able to get out and about to take in the city's vast greenspace.

Slug a Bug

Purdue Extension in conjunction with Purdue Master Gardeners encourages neighbors to be on the watch for the emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive beetle from Asia that attacks and kills North American ash trees. EAB attacks only ash trees and will kill every ash tree not protected with insecticides. The adult beetle is metallic green and about ½ inch long.



The City suggests visiting the Tree Fund table to learn about EAB on May 19 at the 2nd Mind BOGgling Event (see front page), or visiting Purdue Extension's EAB site, www.eabindiana.info to learn how to identify trees and bugs, and guide homeowners through the decision-making process whether to treat or remove their ash trees. Treatments are most effective between April 1 and May 15. Learn what to do before this devastating pest arrives, reducing property values and tree cover and leaving behind potentially hazardous dead trees.

New Trees Move to University Farm

A diverse mix of 142 native shade trees including yellowwood, northern red oak, swamp white oak, Kentucky coffeetree, honey locust, sterile sweet gum, bald cypress and tulip trees are being planted at University Farm with a \$20,000 grant from the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation with help from the West Lafayette Tree Fund. Many of these trees are being planted to replace ash trees that line the streets of University Farm.

In addition, the WLTF is planting an additional 44 trees throughout the city – including the Northwestern Heights and New Chauncey neighborhoods. Volunteers are needed now to prune street trees for vehicular and pedestrian traffic clearance. Please contact Bev Shaw, Greenspace Administrator for the City of West Lafayette, at (765) 775-5161 to volunteer.



The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now.

Chinese Proverb

Engineering Ingenuity

When faced with existing drainage problems in neighborhoods, coupled with drainage requirements for upcoming road and private development projects, city engineers, along with the superintendent from the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex, came up with an engineering solution that benefits the residents, the golf course and the environment, while giving a face lift to one of the community's gateways to campus.

The stormwater runoff from the neighborhood east of Northwestern Avenue will now run through a

drainage system underneath Northwestern Avenue and collect in a series of new storm water ponds on the Kampen Course, where the water is filtered and reused on the course for irrigation. The makeover part of the redevelopment is just beginning with additional trees and wetland plantings, and the creation of newly-landscaped spectator mounds. An extension of the Cattail Trail and additional improvements on Northwestern Avenue will begin in 2013 with the aid of federal grant money.

Yeager & Northwestern Roundabout



Roundabout Education

- Be prepared to drive safely around the new roundabouts that are being constructed this summer. New roundabouts will be installed at three locations: Yeager & Northwestern, Yeager & Cumberland, and Cumberland & Manchester.
- The Cumberland & Manchester roundabout construction has begun and will be open later this spring.
- The Yeager & Northwestern roundabout will be a two-lane roundabout to be constructed during June and July.
- The Yeager & Cumberland roundabout will be under construction this fall.
- For roundabout driving tips, see: www.westlafayette.in.gov/engineering.

Take a Hike

With over 20 miles of scenic trails crisscrossing West Lafayette, it's easy to find a path to hike, jog, or bike around town. Whether used as an alternative to driving or going to the gym, the trail system provides outdoor beauty and safety year-round. Walking or biking to work or school saves money on gas and boosts overall health. There's a footpath or paved trail suitable for most every person and pet.

The trails are maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department and patrolled by the West Lafayette Police Department to keep them clean and safe. For a description of trails and a trails guide, go to: www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks. If you've not explored this gem, now is the perfect time. Get up, get out, and get moving – take a hike!



West Lafayette's trail system is filled with scenic views.

Spring Cleaning Solutions

Here's a hassle-free answer for all that stuff that's piling up at your house or apartment – stuff you don't use or want anymore. West Lafayette's Neighborhood Resource Team, the Go Greener Commission, and Goodwill Industries have teamed up in a collaborative effort to tame trash this spring. Goodwill is placing manned collection trailers just north of the Black Cultural Center in a vacant lot at 4th and Russell Streets, and at Crestview Apartments on South Chauncey. A third manned collection trailer will be at the old Burtsfield School lot located at Salisbury St. and Lindberg Roads, with access off Lindberg. Hours of operation for all three sites are from Friday, May 4 – Sunday, May 6 between 10 am – 6 pm for used furniture, working electronics, housewares, clothing, etc.

Anything that isn't worth recycling, like broken furniture or trash, can go into roll-off dumpsters conveniently placed at six sites from May 3 – May 18. Locations are at the corners of Williams & Chauncey, Vine & Pearl, Garfield & Evergreen, Vine & Stadium, Lutz & Salisbury, and Grant & Harrison. For safe disposal of discarded appliances with refrigerant or old electronic devices, use Oscar Winski's eRecycling facility at 2217 N. 9th Street, Lafayette. For more information, contact Rick Walker, Code Enforcement Supervisor of the Neighborhood Resource Team at (765) 775-5200. Help keep West Lafayette clean and green this spring!

- Remember to put grass clippings, weeds, and leaves into rigid containers with handles for your scheduled yard waste pick-up days in order to be composted. No bags, please!



ART IN BLOOM



The 4th Annual **Art in Bloom** is Saturday, June 23 from 10 am – 3 pm at selected homes and businesses of Beautification Award winners, where beautiful landscaping and local artwork are artfully displayed. Maps of participating gardens for the free, self-guided tour will be available at www.westlafayette.in.gov two weeks before the event or at Covenant Presbyterian Church the day of the event. Take this opportunity to get inspired with landscaping ideas or to purchase artwork for your own home or garden.

Sagamore West Farmers Market



WEDNESDAYS
CUMBERLAND PARK
3-6:30

Sagamore West Farmers Market

opens Wednesday, May 2 at Cumberland Park. Enjoy fresh produce and homemade products in a pleasant outdoor venue. Go green – bring your own bag or sign up to receive a free reusable tote after three visits. The Market is open 3 – 6:30 pm each Wednesday. Add this to your calendar from now thru October and enjoy fresh local produce all season long!

City News

NEW HIRES

Kristi Smith

Engineering,
Office Manager

Patrick Smith

Parks and Recreation,
Maintenance Technician II

Jennifer Thompson

Police, Patrol Dispatcher

RETIREMENTS

David Gilbert

Fire Department

Volunteer Jobs

SEE THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Wanted – Volunteers for Global Fest, Saturday, September 1, 10 am – 9 pm, Morton Community Center. Present openings: food vendors, groups for cultural booths, entertainers, commercial vendors and volunteers. Apply by contacting Pennie Ainsworth, painsworth@westlafayette.in.gov

GARDEN DOCENTS NEEDED, Sat., June 23, 10 am – 3 pm, Art in Bloom. Apply to Lynn Layden, 765/463-2242, layden.lm@frontier.com

GET WET AND WILD Extra hands needed at Wabash Riverfest, Sat., July 14, 9 am – 4 pm, Tapawingo Park. See Facebook or www.wabashriverfest.com



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Let's Go! Event Calendar

Sagamore West Farmers Market

Opening Day | May 2
Wednesdays through October
3 - 6:30 pm | Cumberland Park

Wednesdays in the Wild

Wednesdays | Lilly Nature Center
www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks

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Celery Bog Nature Area

West Lafayette Municipal Pool

Splash Bash, season opening
Friday | May 25 | 1 - 4 pm
Open daily
noon - 7:50 pm



Round the Fountain Art Fair

Saturday | May 26 | 9 am - 4:30 pm
Downtown Lafayette

Taste of Tippecanoe

Saturday | June 16 | 4 pm - midnight
Tapawingo Park, Meyers Pedestrian Bridge, & Downtown Lafayette

Art in Bloom

Saturday | June 23 | 10 am - 3 pm
Sites to be posted at:
www.westlafayette.in.gov

Stars & Stripes Celebration

Wednesday | July 4 | dusk
Tapawingo Park, Meyers Pedestrian Bridge, Downtown Lafayette and surrounding area

Wabash Riverfest

Saturday | July 14 | 9 am - 4 pm
Kids Parade | 8:45 am
5k 8:00 am
Tapawingo Park
www.wabashriverfest.com

Dancing in the Streets

Saturday | July 21 | 4 pm - midnight
Tapawingo Park | Downtown Lafayette

Uptown Jazz and Blues Festival

Saturday | August 25 | 4 pm - midnight
Downtown Lafayette

Global Fest

Saturday | September 1 | 10 am - 9 pm
Morton Community Center

Art on the Wabash - a local art fair

Sunday | September 16 | 10 am - 4 pm
Tapawingo Park

Drug Drop-Off

Thursdays | May 10 • June 14 • July 12
August 9 (2nd Thursday of each month)
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
WL Police Department

City Offices Closed

May 8 | May 28
July 4 | September 3